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REF: A. TEHRAN 2591; B. JAKARTA 3302; C. SAIGON 2945;

D. SAIGON 2932; E. SAIGON 2888

1. FOR TEHRAN: DRAWING ON JAKARTA'S 3302 YOU SHOULD INFORM GOI THAT ACCOUNT OF INDONESIAN WITHDRAWAL RECEIVED FROM INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR SUHUD IS NOT RPT NOT CORROBORATED BY INFORMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED DIRECTLY FROM INDONESIAN OFFICIALS IN JAKARTA. WE CONTINUE TO UNDERSTAND ON BASIS OF THAT INFORMATION THAT PRESENT WITHDRAWALS ARE TEMPORARY.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO NOTE, IF APPROPRIATE, THAT INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT'S REVIEW OF VIET-NAM SITUATION AND RECONSIDERATION OF PARTICIPATION IN ICCS IS THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF  
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GOI REVIEWS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

WHILE WE WOULD NOT WANT TO BELITTLE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCH REVIEWS, YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT THEY HAVE BEEN REGULAR AND HAVE -- DESPITE EXISTENCE OF WELL-KNOWN OPPOSITION WITHIN GOI TO CONTINUED PARTICIPATION -- REGULARLY RESULTED IN REAFFIRMATION OF GOI DETERMINATION TO STAY.

3. YOU SHOULD ASSURE IRANIAN OFFICIALS THAT IN LIGHT OF

FOREGOING, DISCUSSION OF REPLACEMENT FOR INDONESIA IS HYPOTHETICAL AND SUBJECT IS NOT UNDER CONSIDERATION HERE.

4. NATURALLY WE COULD NOT OBJECT IF IRAN SHOULD FOLLOW INDONESIAN EXAMPLE IN TEMPORARILY WITHDRAWING ITS PERSONNEL FROM AREAS WHERE SAFETY IS SERIOUSLY THREATENED. WE SHARE GOI CONCERN FOR FATE OF IRANIAN OFFICER MISSING IN BAN ME THUOT; NINE, AND POSSIBLY TEN, AMERICAN CIVILIANS ARE SIMILARLY MISSING. WE HOPE THE ICCS CAN PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THEIR RETURN. BY THE SAME TOKEN, WE WOULD VIEW ANY IRANIAN DECISION AT THIS TIME TO WITHDRAW FROM, OR TO SHARPLY REDUCE PARTICIPATION IN, THE ICCS AS UNFORTUNATE. SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE A SHARP BLOW TO VIETNAMESE MORALE, WHICH HAS UNDERGONE SERIES OF SHOCKS OVER PAST SEVERAL DAYS, AND WOULD BE A SERIOUS BLOW TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT AT A TIME WHEN THE INTEGRITY OF THE AGREEMENT IS UNDERGOING SEVEREST TEST TO DATE.

5. FOR JAKARTA: REQUEST YOU DRAW AS APPROPRIATE ON FOREGOING TO URGE INDONESIAN DECISION TO REMAIN IN ICCS. YOU MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT IRANIANS HAVE GAINED IMPRESSION THAT INDONESIA HAS ALREADY BEGUN PROCESS OF PERMANENT WITHDRAWAL, WHICH REF B INDICATES IS NOT RPT NOT THE CASE, AND THAT WE WOULD HOPE INDONESIA COULD AVOID CONVEYING IMPRESSIONS IT HAS ALREADY DECIDED THE VIET-NAM ISSUE. YOU MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT WHILE MILITARY SITUATION HAS TAKEN SHARP TURN FOR THE WORSE DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS, IT IS CLEAR THAT GVN INTENDS TO QUICKLY STABILIZE THE LINE AND RESIST FURTHER SIGNIFICANT COMMUNIST ADVANCES. WE BELIEVE INDONESIAN ASSESSMENT OF IMMINENT GVN COLLAPSE, IF SUCH ASSESSMENT IS IN THE MAKING, IS NOT JUSTIFIED. EARLY RETURN OF INDONESIAN PERSONNEL TO ICCS FIELD SITES -- AS CONDITIONS

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PERMIT -- SHOULD CONFIRM THAT GVN REMAINS IN FIRM CONTROL OF REMAINDER OF THE COUNTRY.

6. FOR SAIGON: WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ADDING ANY POINTS USEFUL TO JAKARTA AND TEHRAN. YOU SHOULD ALSO BRIEF IRANDEL AND INDODEL AS NEEDED IN EFFORT TO TEMPER OVERLY PESSIMISTIC REPORTING TO THEIR CAPITALS. INGERSOLL

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